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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m.	5102nd meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning ¹	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Somalia	
	Other matters	

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 5102nd meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

10 a.m.	7th informal meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Briefing by the President of the General Assembly on the preparatory process for the 2005 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly	

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Main Committees

Second Committee

3-6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
1. Macroeconomic policy questions		[83]
(a) International trade and development		
<i>Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.25/Rev.1</i>		
(b) International financial system and development		
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.2 and A/C.2/59/L.70</i>		
(d) Commodities		
<i>Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.26/Rev.1</i>		
2. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development		[84]
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.4 and A/C.2/59/L.69</i>		
3. Globalization and interdependence		[87]
(a) Globalization and interdependence		
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.20 and A/C.2/59/L.68</i>		
4. Groups of countries in special situations		[88]
(a) Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries		
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.42 and A/C.2/59/L.71</i>		
5. Eradication of poverty and other development issues		[89]
<i>Action on draft resolution A/C.2/59/L.56</i>		
(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)		
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.50 and A/C.2/59/L.72</i>		
6. Operational activities for development		[90]
(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system		
<i>Action on a draft proposal</i>		
(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system		
<i>Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/59/L.28 and A/C.2/59/L.63</i>		
7. Draft provisional programme of work for the sixtieth session of the Second Committee (A/C.2/59/CRP.1)		

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

*Informal consultations on:***Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):**

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives, authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/59/534/Add.1, A/59/534/Add.2, A/59/569/Add.1 and A/59/569/Add.2);

First performance report for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/59/578, A/59/578/Add.1 and A/59/601);

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/59/433, A/59/560 and A/59/579);

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.26: Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/59/16 and A/59/579);

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29/Rev.1: Rights of the child (A/C.5/59/22 and A/59/597); and

Programme budget implications of draft resolution of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/C.5/59/13 and A/59/567)

Item 107 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations):

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/59/415 and A/59/600)

Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/59/90 and A/59/551);

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/59/3, A/C.5/59/3/Corr.1, A/C.5/59/3/Add.1, A/59/553 and A/59/553/Corr.1);

Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/59/271);

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation (A/59/336 and A/59/558); and

Construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre (A/C.5/59/23)

Item 115 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349, A/58/343, A/58/343/Add.1, A/58/343/Add.2, A/C.5/59/CRP.1 and A/C.5/59/CRP.2))

Item 116 (United Nations common system (A/59/30 (Vol. I-II), A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522))

Item 112 (Pattern of conferences (A/59/32, A/59/159, A/59/159/Add.1, A/59/172, A/59/418, A/59/133, A/59/133/Corr.1, A/58/435, A/58/435/Add.1 and A/58/620))

Item 118 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/359, A/58/364, A/58/785, A/57/747 and A/57/747/Corr.1))

Item 119 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218B and 54/244)

Item 109 (Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/87, A/59/6 (Part One), A/59/6 (Part One)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 2), A/59/6 (Prog. 3), A/59/6 (Prog. 4), A/59/6 (Prog. 5), A/59/6 (Prog. 6), A/59/6 (Prog. 7), A/59/6 (Prog. 8), A/59/6 (Prog. 9), A/59/6 (Prog. 10)/Rev.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 11), A/59/6 (Prog. 12), A/59/6 (Prog. 13), A/59/6 (Prog. 14), A/59/6 (Prog. 15), A/59/6 (Prog. 16), A/59/6 (Prog. 17), A/59/6 (Prog. 18), A/59/6 (Prog. 19), A/59/6 (Prog. 20), A/59/6 (Prog. 21), A/59/6 (Prog. 22), A/59/6 (Prog. 22)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 23), A/59/6 (Prog. 24), A/59/6 (Prog. 25), A/59/6 (Prog. 26), A/59/69, A/59/79 A/C.5/59/13, A/C.5/59/14, A/C.5/59/15, A/C.5/59/17 and A/59/567))

Item 114 (Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add. 2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/58/666, A/59/299, A/C.5/58/L.13, A/58/283, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/CRP.3, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/58/704, A/56/956, A/56/956/Add.1, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1))

Item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005):

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Briefing on common services by the Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services
2. Administrative matters

Economic and Social Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics

The Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics will hold a meeting *today*, 16 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), with the following agenda: (a) Web site dedicated to the Permanent Missions in New York; (b) Request by the Military and Civilian Police Advisers' Community; (c) Improvement of communications within regional groups; and (d) Ongoing initiatives in the Secretariat.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 December 2004

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

9.30–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Consultations on Programme 19 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006–2007 (A/59/6 (Prog. 19)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 38 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room D

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (outstanding issues before the Second Committee)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development on Africa (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa” (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Organization of the Islamic Conference (at the ambassadorial level)

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) today, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

Thursday, 16 December 2004

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**Security Council****Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999)
concerning Al Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
Briefing**

At a public meeting of the Security Council on Friday, 17 December 2004, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities will hold a briefing pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution 1526 (2004). Member States wishing to make statements at the meeting about their experiences in implementing the sanctions measures stipulated in paragraph 1 of resolution 1526 (2004) and any other issues related to the mandate of the Committee are invited to contact the Chairman's office (Ms. Carla Serazzi (e-mail CSerazzi@chileun.org; fax 1 (212) 832-8714)) and the Committee secretariat (Ms. Tatiana Cosio (e-mail Cosio@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-1300 or 963-3778)).

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001)
concerning counter-terrorism**

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, together with the Commonwealth of Independent States, will hold in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 January 2005, its fourth special meeting with international, regional and sub-regional organizations (open to Member States and invitees). All Member States are welcome to attend as observers. Interested Member States are kindly requested to contact the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, extensions 20 or 13).

General Assembly**International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of
Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held at the *Swami Vivekananda International Convention Center, at Les Pailles, Mauritius*, from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

*Lists of speakers**Plenary interactive panels*

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small

Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (17-19 January 2005) will take place on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2005

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 17 to 19 January 2005 in Conference Room 2, at the United Nations Headquarters.

The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2005/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_23930.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 14 January 2005.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will hold its pre-session informal consultation on all matters before the first regular session 2005, on Monday, 10 January 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

First regular session 2005

The first regular session 2005 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 25 January, to Friday, 28 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2005/L.1. Member States as well as observers and other organizations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but not later than 14 January 2005.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Thursday, 20 January, and on Monday, 24 January 2005, in Conference Room 2. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Thursday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2005.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) on Friday, 17 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Special forum on "Protection of human rights of migrants" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees of the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

A special forum on "Protection of human rights of migrants", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 17 December from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

There will be a meeting of the Group of Experts on Economic Matters of the African Group on Tuesday, 21 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Announcements

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with the Czech Republic

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with the Czech Republic will take place on Wednesday, 22 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in room S-3727A.

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 31 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul-flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social integration.* Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 15 December 2004

Security Council

5101st meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2004/948)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/963, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/963) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/963) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1578 (2004).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/47).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

72nd plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community: draft resolution (A/59/L.42) [56 (s)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (s) of agenda item 56.

The representative of Mauritius (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.42.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.42 (resolution 59/140).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (s) of agenda item 56.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/59/L.49) [39 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 39.

The representative of Sweden made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.49.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.49 (resolution 59/141).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cuba.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 39.

Culture of peace: draft resolutions (A/59/L.17/Rev.1 and A/59/L.21) [35]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 35.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement, in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/59/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.21.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/59/L.17/Rev.1, as orally revised, and A/59/L.21 (resolutions 59/142 and A/59/143).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [21]

(a) *Letter from Canada transmitting the report of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (A/59/590)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/59/L.46)*

The representative of Canada made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, the United States and the Russian Federation.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3208 of the twenty-ninth session of 11 October 1974, the observer for the European Community made a statement (on the behalf of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.46 (resolution 59/144).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that on Monday, 20 December 2004, in the afternoon, the General Assembly would consider the reports of the Third Committee.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

31st meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Construction of additional conference facilities at Vienna International Centre

The Chief of the Common Services Unit, Programme Planning and Budget Division, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/23).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Revised estimates and programme budget implications: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/24).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft decision A/C.5/59/L.19, which had been submitted by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

United Nations pension system [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.14, which had been coordinated by the representative of Jordan.

The Chairman orally revised the English version of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Ecuador made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Corrigendum to the summary of the 65th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2004/234, p. 13): the text relating to agenda item 55 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) should read as follows:

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/59/L.38)
[55]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 55.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (also on behalf of Finland) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.38.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.38 (resolution 59/57).

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 55.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Mauritius (14 December 2004)¹

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Nigeria (14 December 2004)¹

Ratification: Mauritius (15 December 2004)¹

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

Agreement to establish the South Centre. Geneva, 1 September 1994

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Gabon (15 December 2004)

United Nations Convention on International Bills of Exchange and International Promissory Notes. New York, 9 December 1988

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

United Nations Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade. Vienna, 17 April 1991

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit. New York, 11 December 1995

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Gabon (15 December 2004)¹

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Gabon (15 December 2004)

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

**United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities
of States and their Property
New York, 2 December 2004**

Opening for signature

In accordance with its articles 28 and 33, the above Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 17 January 2005 until 17 January 2007, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on "Treats and challenges of weapons of mass destruction – How do we respond?", today, 16 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

Special presentation on "The international development agenda in 2005"

There will be a special presentation on "The international development agenda in 2005" by The Right Honourable Gordon Brown, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and Chairman of the International Monetary and Financial Committee. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom, will take place on Friday, 17 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rebecca Clough, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (tel. 1 (212) 745-9372; or e-mail rebecca.clough@fco.gov.uk).

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